

for increased Medicare reimbursement for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to increase the delivery of health services in health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. BRADLEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for a mother and child following the birth of the child, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, and for other purposes.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1178

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1178, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of colorectal screening under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1373

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to minimize the regulatory burden on agricultural producers in the conservation of highly erodible land, wetland, and retired cropland, and for other purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to provide for a reduction in regulatory costs by maintaining Federal average fuel economy standards applicable to automobiles in effect at current levels until changed by law, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr.

COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the standards used for determining whether individuals are not employees.

S. 1612

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1612, a bill to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, to provide for an exemption of copyright infringement for the performance of nondramatic musical works in small commercial establishments, and for other purposes.

S. 1635

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT], and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1635, a bill to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, and for other purposes.

S. 1654

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1654, a bill to apply equal standards to certain foreign made and domestically produced handguns.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 217

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 217, a resolution to designate the first Friday in May 1996, as "American Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served or are presently serving in the American Foreign Service, and to honor those in the American Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 226

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 226, a resolution to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week."

## SENATE RESOLUTION 236—APPOINTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 236

*Resolved*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following Members are hereby appointed to the following Senate committees:

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Bennett and Mr. Wyden.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Abraham and Mr. Wyden.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Grams and Mr. Wyden.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING: Mr. Warner and Mr. Wyden.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 237—RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL DEBT

Mr. FAIRCLOTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have 30 days to report or be discharged:

## S. RES. 237

Whereas, the United States national debt is approximately \$4.9 trillion;

Whereas, the Congress has authorized the national debt by law to reach \$5.5 trillion;

Whereas, the 104th Congress and the President have both presented plans to balance the budget by the year 2002, by which time our national debt will be approximately \$6.5 trillion;

Whereas, this accumulated debt represents a significant financial burden that will require excessive taxation and lost economic opportunity for future generations of the United States;

*Resolved*, That, it is the sense of the Senate that any comprehensive legislation that balances the budget by a certain date and that is agreed to by the Congress and the President shall also contain a strategy for reducing the national debt of the United States.

## NATIONAL DEBT REDUCTION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation that will require the Treasury Secretary to prepare a report for Congress on recommendations to reduce the national debt. Further, Mr. President, I am submitting a sense-of-the-Senate resolution that if we enact a balanced budget plan this year, such legislation should also contain a strategy for reducing the national debt.

Yesterday, the Congress raised the national debt to \$5.5 trillion, a figure beyond the comprehension of most people. By most estimates, we will not even begin to balance a budget until the year 2002, at which point the national debt will, of course, be even larger—\$6.5 trillion.

Mr. President, I am concerned about this debt burden that we have placed on our children, grandchildren, and children yet born. We continue to spend money we do not have on day-to-